



2021 Annual Update

2,050 Regional Family Network Members
1,725 Facebook Likes



Engaging Families

Regional Family Network Activities Highlights

Contests: Drawings for Desks • Wash Your Hands Art Contest • Selfies for Sensory Kits • Recipes for Happiness • Ideal Day • Exploring Nature Photo Scavenger Hunt • Celebrating Diversity with Family Traditions • Self-Care • Celebrating Siblings | **Activity Kits / Exchanges / Events:** Adopt-a-Unicorn • Valentine • Watch Me Grow Seeds • Rock Painting • Thanks Moms & Dads Kits • Mom's Online Tea Party • Exploring Nature Box Exchanges • Stargazing Kits • Night Sky Art Exchange • Siblings Spin & Win Game Day • Carmel Apples • Adopt-a-Deer • Drive Thru Safari & Family-Friendly COVID Vaccine Clinic



Strengthening Families

Family Training Event Highlights

- **Family Resilience Workshops**
- **At-Home Activities for Families Workshop**
- **Reconnecting with Your Community Workshop**
- **Strengthening Marriage while Nurturing Your Child with Special Needs**
- **Preparing for a Medical Emergency Workshop** featuring Essential Care Emergency Kits
- **COVID Vaccine Workshops** featuring Guest Presenters from Boost Oregon
- **Let's Talk About Using PSWs during COVID**
- **Employing PSWs Training Series**
- **Employing PSWs Successfully Workshops**



Supporting Families Through the Pandemic

OHA COVID Prevention Outreach Efforts

- **Drive-Through Safari Event:** Over 100 families participated in our drive-thru safari themed event! Safari tour guides from Creating Opportunities and The Arc Oregon welcomed families to participate in activities and prize drawings as they stopped at the elephant, giraffe, zebra, lion & tiger tents. Youth and families were also invited to our indoor monkey-themed vaccine clinic staffed by Salem Health and a family safari photo spot.
- **Personal Protective Equipment:** Distributed over \$7,500 worth of PPE (face masks, specialty shields and no-contact thermometers) to hundreds of families across the region.
- **Vaccination Promotion Items:** Distributed hundreds of "vaccinated" shirts, hats, drawstring bags, masks for vaccinated adults as well as hundreds of plush animals with vaccinated badges for youth directly to families, at community events and through multiple partner organizations.
- **Graphic-Facilitated Meeting:** Hosted a meeting of Community Based Organizations contracted with the Oregon Health Authority with the support of a talented graphic facilitator who outlined our collaborative conversation through drawings about how vaccines can help us get to the post-pandemic life we all want.



Equipping Families Health Equity Initiative

With Oregon Health Authority grant funds, we packed Essential Care Bags with the documents and supplies parents need when their child goes to the ER or Hospital. We distributed 100 kits directly to local families who participated in a Preparing for A Medical Emergency Workshop and 50 bags to Salem Health Neonatal ICU.



Building Collaboration Systems Advocacy Highlights

- **Marion-Polk Family Resources, Support & Training (FRST) Group Coordination**
- **Special Education Advisory Partner for Salem-Keizer Schools**
- **Oregon's Developmental Disabilities Services Vision Advisory Group & Focus Group Facilitation**
- **Community Service Integration Team Meeting Participation**
- **Provided Dozens of Local Families Individual Support, Consultation and Advocacy Assistance**



Contracted Program Coordination

- **Community Based Organization** – Marion, Polk & Yamhill Counties
Contracted by the Oregon Health Authority to support community members in quarantine during pandemic. Creating Opportunities supported 336 households during their quarantine, totaling 1,243 people in 2021.
- **Regional Family Network** - Marion, Polk & Yamhill Counties
Contracted by the Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Disability Services and the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities to strengthen families and communities.
- **Employer Resource Connection** - Tillamook, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Linn, Benton & Lane
Contracted by the Oregon Home Care Commission to offer resources to those who employ PSWs.
- **GO Project** – Statewide
Contracted by the Oregon Developmental Disabilities Coalition to support legislative advocacy.
- **Alliance for Early Intervention** - Statewide
Contracted by the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities to promote advocacy for EI/ECSE services.



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